NCF recommendation for funding agricultural research

†1186. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the third annual report submitted by the National Commission on Farmers which has made recommendations for bringing reforms in agricultural research;

(b) if so, whether the Commission has recommended to enhance the annual fund to be provided for agricultural research management;

(c) if so, the amount of fund at present and the extent to which the Commission has recommended to enhance it; and

(d) the decision taken by Government to implement the recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) The National Commission on Farmers in its Third Interim Report has recommended a provision of Rs. 1,000 crore as one time grant to National Agricultural Research System (NARS) to bridge the critical gap in scientific infrastructure in frontier areas of technologies forenhancing agricultural competitiveness and deriving benefit from science led Second Green Revolution. It will paricularly strengthen work on conservation and improvement of livestock heritage, genomics, bio-informatics, bio-remediation and harnessing gene richness of micro-organisms, biomass utilization, value addition and use efficiency of plant nutrients and water. The Commission has also recommended setting up a National Board for Strategic Research in Agriculture to coordinate and harness advances in basic science for agricultural progress.

Inter-Departmental consultations have been initiated for appropriate action on the recommendation.

Implementation of NCF recommendations

1187. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Commission on Farmers has

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